

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Northwood, Iowa

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THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th, 2024

9:00 am

Pastor Becky Sogge

Organist/Pianist: Brenda Blanshan

Acolyte: Maggie Rye, Avarie Skellenger

Greeters: Rye family

Usher: Solberg family, Petznick family, Anderson family

Counters: Mike & Judy Stevens, Steph Perkins

Sound/Video: Camden Trenhaile, Mark Willand

Communion Set Up: Gina Solberg

Prelude

-Brenda Blanshan

Welcome – Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might, **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst, **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW 289

Greeting

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday School Program

Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Narrator Scene 1

“Joy to the World” (K-6), Scene 2

“O Come Little Children” (K-6), Scene 3

“Angels We Have Heard on High” (All) Scene 4

“We Three Kings” (K-6)

Congregational Hymn “Your Little Ones, Dear Lord” #286

Scene 5, Three Wise Men (Preschool)

“Baby Jesus Song” (Preschool)

Offering

Narrator Final Scene, Away in a Manger (All)

Video: The Christmas Story for Kids - Lego

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

Blessing & Prayer after Communion

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*Joy to the World* ELW 267

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

-Brenda Blanshan

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Thank you to all the Sunday school teachers, parents and volunteers for your extra help in making this program happen and for volunteering to teach our kids throughout the year!

Preschool-6th Music Director: Nikkole Koenig
Preschool-6th Accompanist: Paige Morteza
Sunday school Coordinators: Anneke Urbatsch, Lindsey Severson & Morgan Johnson
Dialogue Director: Pam Perkins
Decorations: Carolyn Reeder

Special thank you to Troy Bachtle and Mark Willand for their assistance with set up. Thank you to Judy Stevens and Sunday school teachers for planning and serving during Fellowship.

Please join us for Jesus’ birthday celebration with a Hot Cocoa bar, coffee and treats to follow the service in the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, we are glad you are here!

There will be no Sunday school on December 22nd, 29th and January 5th. We will resume class on Sunday, January 12th.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Margie Davis who passed away on Thursday, December 12th. Her funeral will be held at Deer Creek Valley on Thursday, December 19th at 11:00 am, with the visitation prior to the service.

"Organist Ryan Hulshizer of Northwood, and Trumpeter Jacob Burkhart of Austin will be performing an Advent/Christmas Noontime Recital at the First United Methodist Church (204 1st Ave NW) in Austin on Wednesday, 12/18 at 12 noon. It will last 40 minutes and is free to the public."

TRUST FUND UPDATE: Grant application forms are available in the Church Office. The deadline for committees to submit approved applications to the Church Office is noon on December 18, 2024. Please contact any Trust Fund member with questions.

Thank you for your ongoing financial support of First Lutheran. We are hoping to continue to grow our ministry together. Please consider a year end gift to help us move beyond covering only salaries and utilities. Every gift matters. Again, thank you.

Annual Meeting Deadline for Reports is Friday, January 3rd. The best way to send your reports is by emailing an editable document. If you have any questions, please call the office at 641-324-2984 or email Christa at christa@flcnorthwood.org.

Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering today and on the 22nd. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is, Heifer International & ELCA Good Gifts.



**Join us next Sunday,
December 22nd at 7:00 pm,
for the Choir Candlelight service**



Christmas Eve service

Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30 pm

Christmas Day service

Wednesday, December 25th at 10:00 am

This is a joint service with Deer Creek Valley with Christmas dinner to follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help with setup, serving or clean up, please talk to Pastor Becky or Judy Stevens.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 15	9:00 am	Service with H.C. and SS Christmas Program
	10:30 am	DCV
	3:00 pm	LRH
	6:30 pm	J.H. Youth
Tuesday, December 17		Manna Truck
	7:00 pm	AA-Al-Anon Mtng.
Wednesday, December 18	4:00 pm	Confirmation
	6:15 pm	Inspire Service
	7:00 pm	Choir
	7:00 pm	S.H. Youth
Thursday, December 19	8:30 am	Quilting
	9:00 am	Prayer Group
	6:30 pm	Taekwondo
	8:30 am	Quilting
Sunday, December 22	9:00 am	Service with N.O.
	10:30 am	DCV
	7:00 pm	Choir Candlelight Service

Sunday Attendance and Giving

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Giving</u>
December 8	73	\$1,514
December 1	54	\$2,912
November 24	117	\$2,701
November 17	76	\$1,020

Electronic Income

<u>October</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
\$3,359.86	\$33,128.43